

Tuesday last, the occasion of the departure of the S. S. Mariposa there was the usual large gathering on the wharf to bid adieu to friends. Amongst those who sailed away, was H. R. H. Princess Likie who intends making a flying trip to the Coast and back. Her Highness was attended by the Hon. A. S. Cleghorn, who went out to the bell buoy and returned with the pilot. A most affecting scene was witnessed on the wharf. The departure of Miss Norton, late principal of the Kawaiahae Seminary, was the occasion of her late pupils going down to take their farewell of their much beloved preceptress. Whilst waving their handkerchiefs as the steamer moved away, they all shed tears and apparently were deeply affected by the loss they have sustained. A salute was fired from the shore battery in honor of the Princess as the steamer passed the lighthouse.

For the past two weeks, nothing further of a public nature has transpired in connection with the proposed Jockey Club. This would be a useful institution ought to be formed without delay, and provided some of our influential citizens who have an interest in Kapiolani Park, and who also take a prominent part in the annual races, were the prime movers, it would, no doubt, soon become an organized body.

Ten Chinamen were detained on the quarantine grounds last Tuesday after the other 196 had been released. The cause of their detention was lack of funds wherewith to pay hospital tax and landing expenses, and nobody to pay it for them. No doubt some of their countrymen will be found who will be willing to pay the small amounts due provided they get a *quid pro quo*.

On Monday His Majesty paid a visit to the French corvette Kerguelen accompanied by His Excellency Governor Dominis and Col. J. H. Boyd. His Majesty was entertained to a sumptuous lunch by Captain Fournier, and on leaving a royal salute was fired in his honor.

The runaway prisoners, Kani and Wahineaukai, were placed in the dock yesterday morning. The former received a sentence of one year and the latter three months in addition to former sentences. Kani is a desperate character, and unless closely guarded he will break away again.

Eight weeks from Wednesday last is the day set apart for the annual races to take place. No meeting has yet been called and of course no programme has been issued. This matter ought to be attended to at once as owners of stock are desirous of knowing what they require to train for.

There was no truth whatever in the rumor that Kani stole horses from the Mounted Police barracks. The statement was as false and ridiculous as others that have been circulated about new appointments to the Nobility.

The next steamer to arrive from the Coast will be the Zealandia due to-morrow with dates to the 15th instant. She will be followed almost immediately by the S. S. Alameda with dates to the 15th instant.

The sum of \$1,000 was deposited with Mr. Cecil Brown on Tuesday, the stakes to be trotted for on the 31st May by Billy Moran's "George Treat" and Captain Cluney's "Joe Duke." The conditions are P. or P.

A foreigner is reported to have stolen some flowers from the Kawaiahae Cemetery on Monday last. When remonstrated with by a passer-by, the thief made use of very foul language.

There will be a grand opening of new millinery goods at the store of Mr. A. M. Mellis 104 Fort Street, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next.

The circus horses were safely shipped on board the S. S. Kinau on Tuesday and will disembark at Mahukona.

The Chinamen that were landed from the S. S. Arabic last week were released from quarantine on Tuesday.

At Mr. J. H. Bruns' coopery on Fort st. can be found molasses barrels and sugar kegs also hoop iron of various widths.

ISLAND NOTES.

Harry Spreen, a young white man residing at Dr. Wright's ranch, poisoned himself with strychnine Tuesday last. Cause unknown.

A Chinaman at Waimea attempted to "suicide himself" by cutting his throat one day last week, but was unfortunate in the consummation of his desire and still lives, thanks to good medical attendance.

More ships unloading at Mahukona. Why do not the planters make arrangements to send sugars to the Coast from that port. Mr. Wilder is always on hand for business enterprise and no doubt would prove himself willing to help out the planter if they will ensure him a cargo.

A man in the street said upon learning that sugar was still directed downward, that the time would soon come when we should be obliged to pay some one to take it off our hands. Stop some of the leaks between the planter and the market and it would be all right even as the present low figures.

Is our road supervisor dead or only sleeping? If he is someone else don't put some

work on our thoroughfares soon, we will have to insure our lives against accident. It is a shame that so large and influential a district should have such terribly neglected roads.

A native in the employ of Star Mill, fell from a height of about ten feet and sustained a painful injury of wrist and hip, but was luckily not dangerously injured.

KOHALA, April 10th, 1884.

Dr. Kimball made a brief visit to the district on Friday last. He looks as though Hilo air was good for him.

It looks as though carrying cane on the R. R. would develop into the largest part of the business and the H. R. R. can, if well handled, prove a bonanza to its owners and at the same time largely increase the acreage of cane in this district. A healthy competition between mills will do much to encourage the planter who now sustains the lion's share of the load.

KAUAI, April 12, 1884.

There was an accident with giant powder at Anahola on Tuesday last. A man was engaged in catching fish there, and he adopted the barbarous method of destroying them by means of this agent. The result in this instance was that one of the man's hands was shattered; next day Dr. Borland removed the hand. Here is an instance which shows the benefit that would be derived were there an hospital in this district. This man could not be attended for many hours after the accident, the doctor being called only on Wednesday morning, and the necessary attention cannot be so easily given, the man being ten miles away from the doctor, who has his other duties. Were it possible to remove cases of accident to Kilauea, there would be a great saving in treatment, and greater certainty of good results.

THINGS IN GENERAL.

At last two new fire engines have arrived for the Honolulu Fire Department and it is reassuring to know that they are what are known as the Amoskeag Steam Fire engines. This will be a valuable addition to the already efficient brigade, and I would suggest that the hand engines that would otherwise be discarded and laid up in ordinary, be placed in the Waikiki district, and a branch company be formed to work them, of persons who reside in that neighborhood. This might possibly save the City Brigade from a long and useless tramp when there is a blaze in that direction.

The exhibition given by a branch of the fire brigade on Saturday afternoon drew together a large number of spectators. It is to be regretted that a spirit of jealousy has been evinced by members of the older company that have charge of a fire engine. Unity ought to be motto of the brigade, and if one engine can throw water a few feet higher than another, that is no reason why the firemen should snap at one another and exchange unparliamentary language. Could anyone inform me how much per annum the fire insurance companies contribute annually to the support of the brigade, or do they give anything at all?

I hear complaints on all sides that there is a want of house accommodation for the clerks, and the workingmen in fact for all persons of limited means. Living is extremely dear as we all know to our cost, and combined with high rentals, it takes all the money a mechanic can earn to support himself and family in a comfortable and respectable manner. Every year there is an increase in the foreign population but I do not observe a corresponding increase in suitable buildings for habitation. The man who will put a number of houses within a reasonable distance from the Post Office, and such as he could let at \$15 or \$20 a month and thereby obtain a fair return on his outlay, would be looked upon as a philanthropist.

In this age of progress, I think it is about time that the Hawaiian Government added to its several useful and scientific institutions, an Observatory. It may probably be given as a reason for not having one that there is no suitable site near the City of Honolulu. Surely a site could be found somewhere on Oahu. Two or three diurnal meteorological observations and the issue of a daily weather report containing the direction and force of the wind, readings of the Barometer and Thermometer, degrees of humidity, weather, and rainfall during the previous twenty-four hours,

would be a boon to the planter and mariner in particular, and to the public in general.

I learn that in New Caledonia they have no less than eighteen meteorological stations the reports from which are published weekly in the official *Moniteur de la Nouvelle Caledonie*. In this country we have not one and all the reliable records of atmospheric condition and temperature that have been made are the work of private individuals.

The escape of Kani with a chain and ball riveted on his right ankle and under the eyes of an overseer or *luna*, seems to the uninitiated to be a mystery. The rumor is current, and if true it is a good joke on the mounted police, that he and his accomplice, who was also an escaped prisoner, stole two horses in the service of the mounted constabulary. Where was the picket or guard, or was it everybody's watch off? After making a detour round the gentle slopes of Punchbowl, the ex-prisoners were heard of in the Kalihi district, and there, either the force of circumstances or good judgment, induced them to change horses, at the same time they did not forget the necessity of changing their clothes. This was effected very cleverly. The story runs thus:—An enthusiastic servant of the Government hearing of Kani's escape and that a reward had been offered for his arrest, set out in search of him. Kani passing by the house of this man and finding it empty, he walked in and helped himself to the absentee's wardrobe. Then he proceeded on his journey unembarrassed by ball and chain; he having discarded that to him, unnecessary appendage, and he enjoyed temporary liberty and solitude in the Wai-anae or the Honouliuli districts for a few days much to the disgust of his pursuers.

One day last week I passed an evening with some of my Hebrew friends of whom I have many in this city. A native, or rather an educated half white, politely asked for some information about the feast of the Passover, at the same time nibbling the cakes (unleavened bread) provided on this occasion. Our genial host proceeded to explain that this feast was in commemoration of the providential escape of the Hebrews in Egypt when they passed over the houses of the Israelites which were marked with the blood of the Paschal Lamb. My Hawaiian friend lost the thread of the story and when our host had concluded, he remarked, holding a piece of unleavened bread between his finger and thumb, "that's too thin." He will never be invited to another Passover feast unless he can give some satisfactory explanation for his inopportune remark.

Whilst passing along King street last Sunday afternoon I was saluted by some English men-of-war's men. They wanted to know where they could get a few bottles of cider. I pointed across the road where non-intoxicating beverages were being dispensed. The spokesman replied thus: "Thank you, sir, but we won't patronize him any more. We went there once and found out he was a Socialist and that's quite enough for us. Good day, Sir." CROWQUILL.

THE TRAINING OF RUSSIAN CAVALRY.—In order to test their endurance and staying powers, the Russian Government orders frequent cavalry races, marches and excursions. These are no mere holiday affairs. Take an instance: In November last, when the weather was most unpropitious and the roads in a wretched condition, seven officers took a body of men from Nijni-Novogorod to Moscow in five days, averaging fifty-three miles a day, and then to St. Petersburg in eight days, traveling over sixty miles a day, the horses reaching their destination fresher than when they started. The men were presented to the Emperor and rewarded. But better time than that can be made on dry roads, in a more agreeable season of the year, of course. In fact, better time was made during this test referred to by a couple of Don Cossacks, who made seventy-four miles a day for three days. The Grand Duke, Field-Marshal Nicholas, Inspector General of Cavalry, issued a long order of the day, thanking the former, with a distribution of certain favors. The success has been such that a military writer in the Russian Invalid as-

serts that seventy miles a day can be continuously effected by Russian cavalry without loss of a man or of a horse. So Skobelev's bequest has been respected. Let Germany have her Krupp guns and France her mitrailleurs; Russia has her horses.

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